

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated March 18, 2008, the Specification and claims were objected to; claims 5-8, 14-16, 19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 32, 33, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2; and claims 15, 16, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 31.

The language “with respect to” in claims 5, 7, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27, and 30 was rejected as being unclear. The Examiner suggested replacing “with respect to” with “in place of.” Applicant has done so in claims 7, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27, and 30. In claim 5, the language “and with respect to the first service module” has been deleted, since such language appears to be redundant with language appearing in the “installing” clause of claim 5.

Claims 30, 32, and 45 have been amended to address the § 112, ¶ 2 rejections raised against those claims.

With respect to claims 15, 16, 32, and 33, the language “capping structure having a range of movement along an axis generally transverse to a nozzle array of the printhead” was rejected as not being enabled. The Office Action appeared to have rejected this language based on an alleged inconsistency with the description in the Specification, and in particular with the description accompanying Fig. 10 of the Specification. It is respectfully submitted that the language of claims 15 and 32 is not inconsistent with the Specification. The Specification states that the cap structure 230E1 is guided by rails or pins 230E4 for movement upwardly and downwardly along the directions of arrow 230E7. Specification, p. 14, lines 31-34. Fig. 10 of the Specification also shows a nozzle array 70A. Note that the nozzle array 70A has a generally horizontal orientation. It is noted that the direction represented by 230E7 is transverse to the horizontal plane of the nozzle array 70A. Therefore, the cap structure 230E1 in Fig. 10 of the Specification does have a range of movement along an axis 230E7 generally transverse to the nozzle array 70A of the printhead 70.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the language of claims 15 and 32 are enabled by the Specification.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that in view of the above, the objection of the Specification as providing inadequate support for the language of claims 15 and 32 has been overcome.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (60990043-1).

Respectfully submitted,

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